

PEACE OFF AUSTRIA TO U. S. PROTEST IS EXPECTED THIS WEEK

Ambassador Penfield Notifies
State Department Vienna
Has Answer Ready.

Austria's reply to the request of the United States for an extension of the Austrian submarine attack on the American tank steamer Petrolite, is expected to reach Washington in a few days.

Secretary of State Lansing was so advised today by United States Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna.

The Petrolite was attacked in the eastern Mediterranean last December while en route from Alexandria to Philadelphia. According to affidavits filed with the Department of State by the officers of the tanker, the submarine, after the Petrolite had obeyed a warning to stop, continued firing on the steamer and seriously wounded a Danish member of the crew.

The Austrian commander demanded that Captain Thompson sell him some provisions. When this request was refused, the submarine commander sent a force on board the ship and took what he wanted, meantime crowding an American member of the crew on board the submarine as a hostage. The Petrolite was flying the American flag at the time, and had the American colors painted on her sides.

Depends Upon Reply.
Secretary Lansing admitted today that upon the nature of the explanation given will depend whether the United States will demand an apology and punishment of the Austrian commander.

The situation with respect to the Lusitania case and the new submarine controversy with Germany is hanging fire pending a reply from Germany. It was authoritatively stated today that the situation is as grave as it has been at any time in the recent negotiations.

It is admitted that unless Germany new submarine declaration is made to jibe with her previous assurances, the situation will take on an extremely critical aspect.

It was explained that Secretary Lansing has not demanded outright a modification of the German declaration of intent to sink all armed enemy merchant vessels without warning after February 23, but has expressed to Count von Bernstorff his belief that this declaration nullifies the assurances for the future which Germany had agreed to give for a settlement of the Lusitania case.

The State Department reiterated its view that the United States regards passenger vessels, freighters, and tramps as merchantmen, and recognizes the right given them by international law to carry defensive armament.

Germany, according to dispatches from Berlin, continues to hold its view that armed vessels of the enemy should be considered as warships and treated accordingly.

Apparently a Deadlock.
A deadlock apparently has been reached by the United States and Germany on this point. Officials will await the reply of the Berlin government to the note of last week setting forth this Government's view before taking the next step.

The reply of the German government is expected to reach Washington before the middle of the week. Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, will deliver it at the State Department. When the German ambassador makes his call, it is stated by a high Administration official, Secretary Lansing will discuss with him the charges made by the Administration that he had discussed pending diplomatic negotiations in a manner not consistent with diplomatic usage.

Secretary Lansing, it is said, will caution the ambassador against public discussion of these questions.

The incident is expected to go no further than that, however, as it is pointed out that no written statements have been made by the ambassador, and officials have only their suspicions to guide them in tracing to him responsibility for recent newspaper dispatches.

One official said that if Ambassador Gerard had talked as freely to the German newspaper men at Count von Bernstorff has talked to the press here, Gerard would have been sent back from Germany long ago.

In connection with the talk of irritation at the White House and State Department over the German ambassador's actions the belief was expressed in many quarters that the new von Bernstorff issue was raised to help clear the atmosphere of the impasse.

The Administration had about-faced on the armed merchantmen question.

Reflected in Congress.
The complicated nature of the foreign situation will be reflected in the developments in Congress this week.

Despite the fact that in the long series of negotiations over the Lusitania case and other phases of the submarine controversy one crisis after another has been successfully passed, there is fear among many members of the Senate and House over the new turn of events.

It is realized in the Senate, which keeps a close eye on foreign affairs, that if about a week hence Germany actually should begin a new era of submarine destruction and American lives be lost there would be serious danger of trouble.

If the effective date of the German order should be postponed it would give much relief to Senators. They would feel that such postponement would give opportunity for long diplomatic exchanges and avoidance of a clash.

Not only by reason of the submarine situation, but on other accounts, foreign affairs are in a position to command notice at the Capitol.

Although Senator Lewis made reply to the Root speech last Saturday, other democratic leaders are relied on by the Administration to launch the big caliber guns of oratory against Root.

Chief of these are Senators Stone and John Sharp Williams.

Williams the "Big Gun."
The White House looks primarily to Senator Williams to reply, the President having been greatly pleased with his speech some time ago in defense of the Mexican policy.

Both Senators Stone and Williams will go over their arguments with the White House.

Moreover, there has been informal conferring among Democratic leaders on the Senate steering committee. They are looking to the speeches in reply to Root for use as campaign material.

That attacks on the Root speech will draw fire from some of the Republicans, is expected.

Airline of views over Mexico in consequence of the report in answer to the Root resolution, also is looked for this week.

The Foreign Relations Committee will take up the confirmation of Henry P. Fletcher as ambassador to Mexico.

"Brook No U. S. Delay," Says Cologne Gazette

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.—The Cologne Gazette today declares that Germany should brook no opposition from the United States because of the new submarine policy.

"Why should we await the wishes of the United States and postpone another submarine war?" the Gazette inquires.

"The United States is only serving British interests if it again wants to open negotiations on the memorandum.

"After that the diplomats may write, and talk, and negotiate for a hundred years about submarine war as much as they like."

GERMAN AIR RAIDERS DAMAGE MANY CITIES

Spread Destruction Over Dozen
British, French, and Belgian
Places—Return Unharmed.

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Bombs, in about five minutes they rose to a great height and seemingly vanished. At 11:10 a. m. the two seaplanes were again over the town, and then vanished eastward again.

Altogether seventeen small high explosive bombs were dropped. Two naval seaplanes went up at 11:35 a. m. and pursued the raiders, but without result.

Meanwhile two other German seaplanes were making for the Kentish coast. The first passed over the Kentish coast, dropping bombs in that vicinity at 11:20 a. m. The last raider made straight for Walmer, reaching that town at 11:37 a. m., flying at less than 2,500 feet. It dropped six bombs and turned sharply to the east.

Two of the bombs that fell destroyed roofs and broke windows in the neighborhood. One of them fell close to a church, blowing out the windows as the congregation was singing "Te Deum."

A third bomb fell on a roadway running along the beach, killing one civilian and injuring one marine.

Wilson Blamed for Strained Relations

London Papers Say Executive
Caused Diplomats to
"Fall Out."

LONDON, Feb. 21.—London newspapers generally agreed today that President Wilson is responsible for the reported estrangement between Secretary of State Lansing and Ambassador Bernstorff.

Headlines over the Washington reports took the view that Lansing's new attitude toward Bernstorff has been dictated by Wilson because he feels he has been embarrassed by stories emanating from the German embassy.

All the newspapers gave the reports the greatest prominence. The Observer expressed regret that the English press in the past has been harsh in its criticism of President Wilson, remarking: "We do well, indeed, to restrain our tongues and to offer no premature judgment at President Wilson's expense."

The Observer, pointing out that the London newspapers heaped criticism upon President Wilson when it was reported he would accept Germany's new armed merchantmen proposals, said the Observer sent a distinguished envoy, preferably James Bryce or Lord Derby, to America to acquaint the Wilson Administration with the American press, and the people more fully with the viewpoint of the allies.

To Speak on Oil.
Dr. David A. Day, of the Bureau of Mines, authority on the oil and gas resources of the United States, will deliver his lecture on "The Oil Industry," at a meeting of the Friends Club, at 1811 I street northwest, Thursday evening.

TURK FRONT BROKEN; RUSSIAN WARSHIPS AID IN ADVANCE

Rapid Advance Isolates Three
Turkish Corps From Base of
Supplies.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 21.—The Turkish front has been broken in two places and three Turkish army corps separated by the rapid westward drive of the grand duke's Caucasian army, according to dispatches received here today.

One Turkish army, forming the left wing, is falling back rapidly on Trebizond.

The Eleventh Turkish army corps, foundering in the snows west of Erzerum, is trying to reach Erzingan, while under harassing attack by Slav pursuers.

A third Turkish corps on the right wing has been isolated from the armies to the north and may be cut off and captured.

Dispatches today reported the capture of the Armenian town of Pasin, in the southwest of Mush, and of Bitlis, southwest of Lake Van, by the Russian left wing.

Turks In Rout.
The defeated army corps in the south, which formerly operated in the Lake Van district, lacks both food and munition supplies, and is falling back in even greater disorder than the forces that fled from Erzerum.

Several detachments are reported to have broken off from the main body in their haste to reach Diarbekir, to the southwest.

The grand duke's left wing is moving swiftly toward the mountains toward the Bagdad railway.

Russian vanguards are reported operating less than sixty-five miles east of Trebizond, on the Black Sea coast.

Another Russian force which broke the Turkish front between Erzerum and Trebizond by a rapid advance in the Balbul region is believed to be marching on Trebizond from the southeast.

Fleet Co-Operates.
The fleet has destroyed in succession several shore batteries which might have been of assistance to the Turks, and, by keeping well in advance of the land forces and by destroying bridges over several streams in the path of the retreating Turks, has rendered their retreat more difficult. The fleet has been working close to the shore.

The rapid Russian offensive beyond Erzerum makes it probable that the retreat of the Turkish corps operating along the Black Sea coast and of those troops which were active in the Mush district before the Russian occupation will be entirely cut off, and that the main Turkish armies will be surrounded. This fate already has overtaken the thirty-fourth division of the Tenth Corps, which was ordered from Olti to Erzerum before the fall of the fortress.

On the Turkish right flank, where the Ninth Corps is operating, the Turks find themselves in precarious position, since they are retreating to the north are gradually falling under Russian control. The retreat of the Turkish armies everywhere is impeded by deep snow and the difficult character of the country. They are without food and lack war supplies, and there seems to be little possibility of their offering even temporary resistance of any strength to the Russian advance.

Two Navy Barges Lost In Chesapeake Bay Gale

Two United States barges were lost in Chesapeake bay during Saturday's northwest gale. The Navy Department announced today. It is believed no one was aboard either.

The barges were being towed to Norfolk by the tug Wahneta, when the cables broke. The Wahneta and the Hercules, from Norfolk, and the Triton, from Washington, have been ordered to search for the barges.

Only One Delivery.
But one mail delivery will be made tomorrow. Postmaster Chance has announced the money order and stamp windows at the postoffice will be open all day. Substitutions will be open as follows: Station A, 8 to 10 a. m.; Station C, 8 to 10 a. m.; Station F, 7 to 10 a. m.; Station G, 8 to 10 a. m.; Station H, 7 to 10 a. m.; Brookland station, 8 to 10 a. m.; Chevy Chase branch, 8 to 10 a. m.; Takoma Park station, 8 to 10 a. m.

Capital to Pay Homage To Nation's First Chief

George Washington's Birthday Anniversary Will Be
Celebrated by Closing of Departments and
Schools and Celebrations by Patriotic Organizations Throughout the City.

The National Capital plans tomorrow a city-wide observance of the birthday of George Washington.

Government departments will be closed, schools will have holidays, there will be but one mail delivery, and scores of clubs, societies and patriotic organizations will have special services.

First formal observance of the anniversary began this afternoon in the schools. In every grade and high school teachers devoted from ten to twenty minutes to reading brief lives of the first President or to reading his farewell address or other important addresses he made.

The principal celebration tomorrow morning will be that at Memorial Continental Hall. This meeting was arranged by the Daughters of the American Revolution the Sons of the Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution.

President Wilson will attend this celebration and will make a short address in presenting to Miss Ina M. Lawrence of Eastern High School a gold medal for the best essay submitted in a contest. The subject was "The Campaign Against Quebec Under Gen. Richard Montgomery."

The Wilson celebration of the oldest inhabitants will hold a celebration in their quarters at Nineteenth and H streets. In the afternoon the Washington National Memorial Society will hold its annual meeting at the home of Theodore W. Noyes.

Patriotic sermons will be delivered in many of the city's churches. Other churches had their celebrations yesterday, with special sermons and addresses.

Many societies, including the North Dakota Association, the Knights of Honor, the Spanish War Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars will attend exercises to be held in Arlington in connection with the sinking of the battleship Maine.

At Central High School.
A unique feature of the observance of Washington's Birthday will be the Americanization meeting, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, to be held at Central High School.

Scores of societies will hold dinners, meetings, or memorial services. Sedition has been a more widespread observance of the day.

An extensive program is announced for the exercises in Memorial Continental Hall.

James Mortimer Montgomery, general president, National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; Mrs. William C. Fitts, Department of Justice, will be the speakers in addition to the President, the United States Marine Band will play.

On the platform will be seated the Ambassador from France and Mme. Jusserand, the Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing, and Mrs. Josephus Daniels.

Hampton Gary, of the State Department, will read extracts from Washington's State papers.

Tomorrow evening the President and Mrs. Wilson will dine at the White House in honor of the Speaker of the House and Mrs. Clark.

Americanization Meeting
At Central High School

An Americanization meeting at Central High School will be a feature of the celebration of George Washington's Birthday tomorrow. The meeting is being arranged under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce by a committee of which Louis Osterberg is chairman.

Justice Gould, of the Supreme Court of the District, and T. V. Powderly, of the Department of Labor, will be the principal speakers. Addresses also will be made.

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Bureau of Census Compares
Form of Government With
Commission Plan.

Government by council as against government by commission is the basis of a comparative table of statistics dealing with twenty-four cities and just completed by the Bureau of the Census.

The council governed cities, according to the list, taken as a group, show a per capita excess of expenditures over revenues, and a per capita increase of municipal indebtedness.

Washington is not considered in the list, although it is mentioned as being the first American city to come under the commission form of government.

In making up the list, the Census Bureau chose the following cities: Council—Indianapolis, Hartford, Youngstown, Troy, Peoria, Little Rock, Ark., Davenport, Iowa, and Charlotte, N. C.

The party will assemble at Pennsylvania avenue and Twelfth street at 10:30 o'clock. In the evening the ladies will serve a dinner and have a patriotic program in the banquet hall of the New Masonic Temple.

Eight other cities were taken into consideration. These centers had changed from the council to the commission form. They are Dayton, Ohio; Reading, Wilkesbarre, and Allentown, Pa.; Covington, Ky.; Seaford, N. C.; Springfield, Ohio, and Jonkin, Mo.

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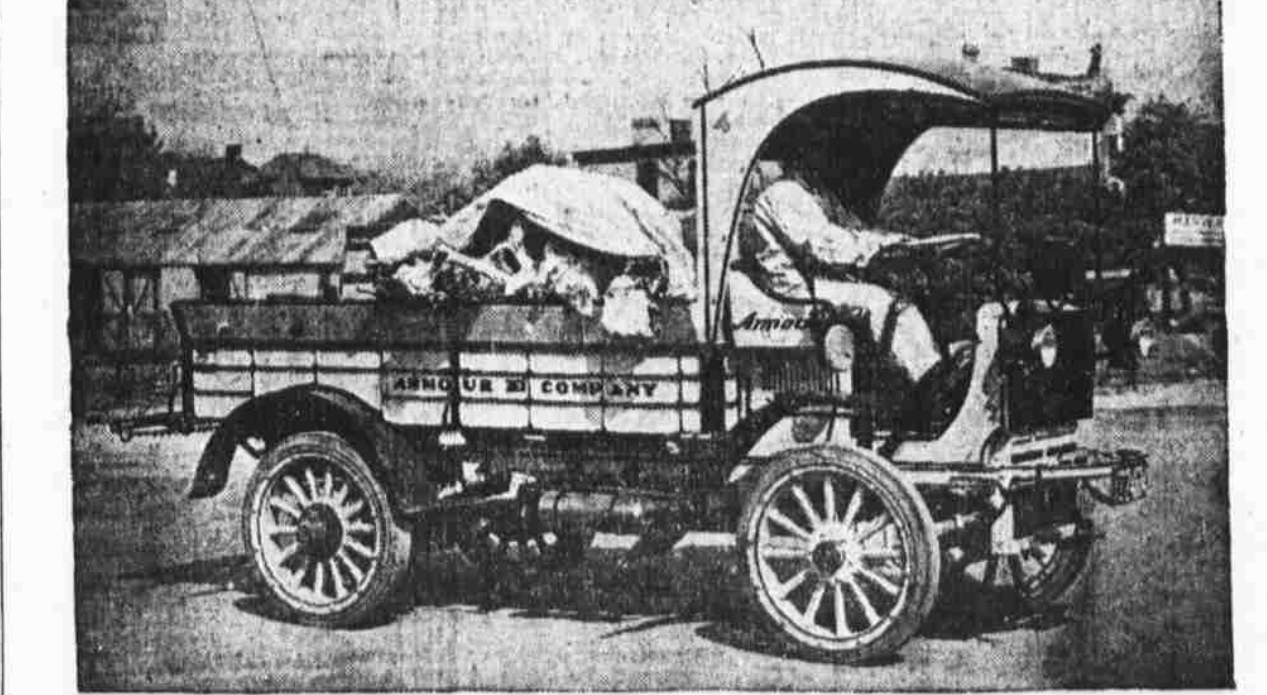
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